Imagine that you are in a classroom or a meeting. The teacher or meeting leader says something incorrect. In your opinion, which of the following is the best thing to do? 1. Interrupt and correct the mistake right away; 2. Wait until the class or meeting is over and the people are gone, and then talk to the teacher or meeting leader; 3. Say nothing

One of the most difficult situation that I can be faced is when in a meeting or a classroom, the leader make a mistake. In this dilemma what should I do? To be honest, my reaction totally depends on where and when and by whom this mistake is made. There is 2 kinds of situations which I will discuss to show what I mean.

A good illustration of this is if a teacher explains something wrong in a classroom, I prefer to interrupt her/him. Since this mistake can effect on other students' learning process, there is no doubt that it should be corrected right away. In that situation I would ask the teacher a question which indirectly mentions both subject and the fault that he/she made. For instance, I would claim that in the book or other references, I studied something different and ask ... to elaborate the subject. If the mistake was unintentional, he/she will correct it and everyone has a benefit.

On the other hand, in a meeting if a leader states something incorrectly, I will wait until the end of the meeting and in private place, calling him/her into question. I am of the opinion that in this special case, there is no need to correct a higher position. Because in my culture correcting someone else in public is sign of disrespectful, I will talk to the leader alone to giving him a chance to correct himself.

To conclude, from my perspective, there is not any unique decision. Everyone should consider all of the factors in the situation that the mistake is made. And based on them, make a right decision. There is not any formula that can be done in every situations. So I like to be flexible in my reactions and act as I think is right in that case.